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(*b*) whether it is a fact that improvements and alterations with reference to the said canal have been completed up to Mukteswaram and that navigation and irrigation up to Mukteswaram can be permitted without any interruption to the further work of the Polavaram Island Project;

(*c*) whether the Irrigation Advisory Board (Godavari Eastern and Central deltas) and the East Godavari District Association, on being consulted by the District Collector, suggested the feasibility and desirability of keeping the canal up to Mukteswaram open for navigation and irrigation and the absence of necessity for closing the same for six months; and

(*d*) the reasons for closing the Bank canal for six months over the entire length?

A.—(*a*) No. Earthwork alone (on account of widening) up to 37/0 has been completed. Improvements to locks and weirs still remain to be done at each point.

(*b*) No. Improvements to Wadapalam and Chintallanka locks and weirs still remain to be done. Irrigation and navigation cannot therefore be allowed.

(*c*) The Government do not know. But apparently on such representations the Executive Engineer seems to have decided to close the canal for only two and a half months, i.e., from 1st March 1929 to 15th May 1929 instead of for five and a half months from 1st January 1929 to 15th May 1929 as originally notified.

(*d*) Please see answer to clause (*c*).

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), may I take it that it is finally decided to close the canal for two and a half months?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I gather that a notification to that effect has been published, and that is all the information in the possession of the Government."

Regulation of water-supply to Vadavar.

* 1756 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any rules have been framed for the regulation of water-supply to Vadavar since the construction of the regulator at its head;

(*b*) if not, how water-supply is being regulated now; and

(*c*) why the Superintending Engineer, Tanjore Circle, altered the rules as laid down in G.O. No. 184 I., dated 3rd May 1909, without notice to the Collector and the concerned ryots thereby?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The rules of 1909 have been superseded by those of 1914. The Government have called for a report in the matter.

Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddiyar:—"May I request the hon. Revenue Member to furnish copies of the rules of 1909 and those of 1914?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The question refers to the rules of 1909, and so it was supposed that the hon. Member had the rules and that they were published. I shall look into the matter."